

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 02/14/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 8-14, 16 and 17.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant has cancelled all of the rejected subject matter leaving only the claims directed to mixtures a hydroxy group-functionalized polysiloxane, carbodiimide and amine-functionalized silane. In the Examiner's estimation, Moretto fails to even render obvious this incarnation of their invention because the genus labeled "alkoxysilicon compounds" (and also acyloxysilicon compounds) encompasses literally thousands of compounds only a fraction of which contain amino groups. The prior art is virtually devoid of similar compositions so it could not be ascertained why the skilled artisan would have been motivated to select those featuring an amino group from the vast array of silanes available.

Applicant earlier brought to the Examiner's attention U.S. patent # 5,741,839 authored by Scheim. This reference discloses a composition that mirrors that instantly claimed in most ways but is distinct in one significant respect. That is, the polysiloxane component contains alkoxy substituents as opposed to hydroxyl groups.

In the Examiner's estimation, alkoxy groups and hydroxyl groups may not be held as being equivalents of one another because they have different reactivities. Indeed, in RTV silicone compositions, alkoxy groups generally must first be converted into hydroxyl groups before they can engage in condensation reactions whereas hydroxyl groups clearly require no pre-modification. Furthermore, Scheim appears to *teach away* from preparing mixtures of hydroxyl-functionalized silicones, carbodiimides, and amino group-functionalized silanes insofar as column 3, lines 27-36 states that an α, ω -*dihydroxypolyorganosiloxane is converted to the alkoxy-functionalized congener* prior to

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combining with said carbodiimide and silane. Therefore, the invention taught by Scheim fails to even render obvious claims 8-14 and 16-17, its similarities notwithstanding.

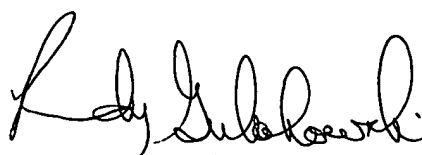
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marc S. Zimmer whose telephone number is 571-272-1096. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Randy Gulakowski can be reached on 571-272-1302. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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